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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of) Group Art Unit: 1614
Murty Arimilli et al.)
Serial No: 09/187,763) Docket No. 221.P1C
Filed: November 6, 1998)
Title: ANTIVIRAL PHOSPHONOMETHOXY)
NUCLEOTIDE ANALOGS HAVING)
INCREASED ORAL BIOAVAILABILITY)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend this application as follows.

In the Specification

On page 2, line 9, change "-H" to --OH--.

On page 2, line 24, replace "a" with --an N-containing--.

In The Claims

In claim 33, line 19, replace "a" with --an N-containing--.

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